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1. EFFECTIVELY, WE USED THE SAILBOAT OUT OF SESTRORETSK ONLY DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. IT HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE WATER FOR THE WINTER.

2. ALTHOUGH FAR FROM PERFECT, THE SESTRORETSK MOORING WAS SATISFACTORY AND THE BOAT CAME TO NO HARM. THE SOVIETS HAVE REGISTERED THE BOAT, BUILT A SMALL PIER, AND PROVIDED A ROUND-THE-CLOCK GUARD-- ALL WITHOUT CHARGE UP TO THIS POINT.

3. SINCE THE END OF THE DREDGED CHANNEL FROM SESTRORETSK IS ITSELF OUTSIDE THE THREE KILOMETER ZONE PRESCRIBED IN 1973 AND THE WATERS WITHIN THAT ZONE ARE VERY SHALLOW, WE DID NEARLY ALL OUR SAILING FARTHER OUT--PERHAPS THREE TO SIX KILOMETERS OFFSHORE. NO QUESTION HAS

BEEN RAISED ABOUT THIS.

4. THE SOVIETS RECENTLY SENT US A BILL FOR 19 RUBLES FOR CHARTS OF THE GULF OF FINLAND WHICH PUTATIVELY SHOW THE PERMITTED AREA FOR USE OF THE BOAT BUT THUS FAR WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE PROMISED CHARTS.

5. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT
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DEFER APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON NON-OBSERVATION OF U.S. BOATING RESTRI-

TIONS ,AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN EXAMINE THE SOVIET CHARTS AND SEE WHERE
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SAILING.
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